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Military Commands in Plovdiv and Sofia

1. An unidentified divisional command is located in Plovdiv in the Voenna Palata (Military Palace) on Sedinenie Boulevard, in a 2-story, light yellow building approximately 25 x 15 meters in size. The unit is commanded by an unidentified general maior who is about 45, was trained in the USSR, is heavyset, has brown hair and is cleanshaven. The area in front of the command building is closed to civilians. 25X1

2. The Regional Military Command of Sofia is located in a building on Serdika Street where approximately 250 military and civilian personnel are employed. The unit is commanded by an unidentified general maior.

Miscellaneous Barracks in Plovdiv and Sofia

3. The barracks of an unidentified tank unit is located in the city of Plovdiv on the right side of the Maritsa River, in the vicinity of the prison. This barracks was formerly occupied by the 9 Infantry Regiment. The following military equipment was observed here:

   a. German and Soviet light and heavy tanks; and

   b. Trucks, some of which were ZISs.

4. The barracks of an unidentified artillery unit is located in the Khristo Botev section of Plovdiv, in the direction of the airfield. A very large number of majors were observed here.

5. The barracks of an unidentified motorized engineers unit is located in Plovdiv on Tsarigradsko Shose, in front of the cemetery.

6. An unidentified cavalry unit is located in Sofia in a barracks built in 1952 in the area between the Redut and the village of Slatina.

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Munitions Depot at Plovdiv

7. A munitions and explosives depot is located approximately five kilometers from Plovdiv on the right side of the road to Kuklen (N 42-02, E 24-27), from which it is approximately 500 meters distant. This depot is guarded by Bulgarian military personnel.

Military Summer Camps

8. In August 1954, the troops of the Plovdiv garrison had left their barracks to go on summer maneuvers. The most suitable and most used place for summer camps is Popovitsa (N 42-08, E 25-01). The troops from Plovdiv usually go here. Other units, possibly artillery, went to Strelcha (N 42-29, E 24-18) instead.

Militia and DS Strength

9. The Bulgarian Militia and DS (Dŭrzhavna Sigurnost; State Security) are very well organized so that they operate efficiently and are feared. These two have a combined strength of approximately 150,000 persons who are used in industrial, civilian, and political surveillance.

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